



# Firebuy Update: Presentation to West Midlands Region 25<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Liz Barron – Chair

Terry Brewer – Chief Executive Officer  
Firebuy

# Agenda



- Introduction
- Board composition
- Funding position
- Integrated Clothing Project
- Pumping appliances
- Respiratory protection
- Technical services
- Other Projects
- Communications

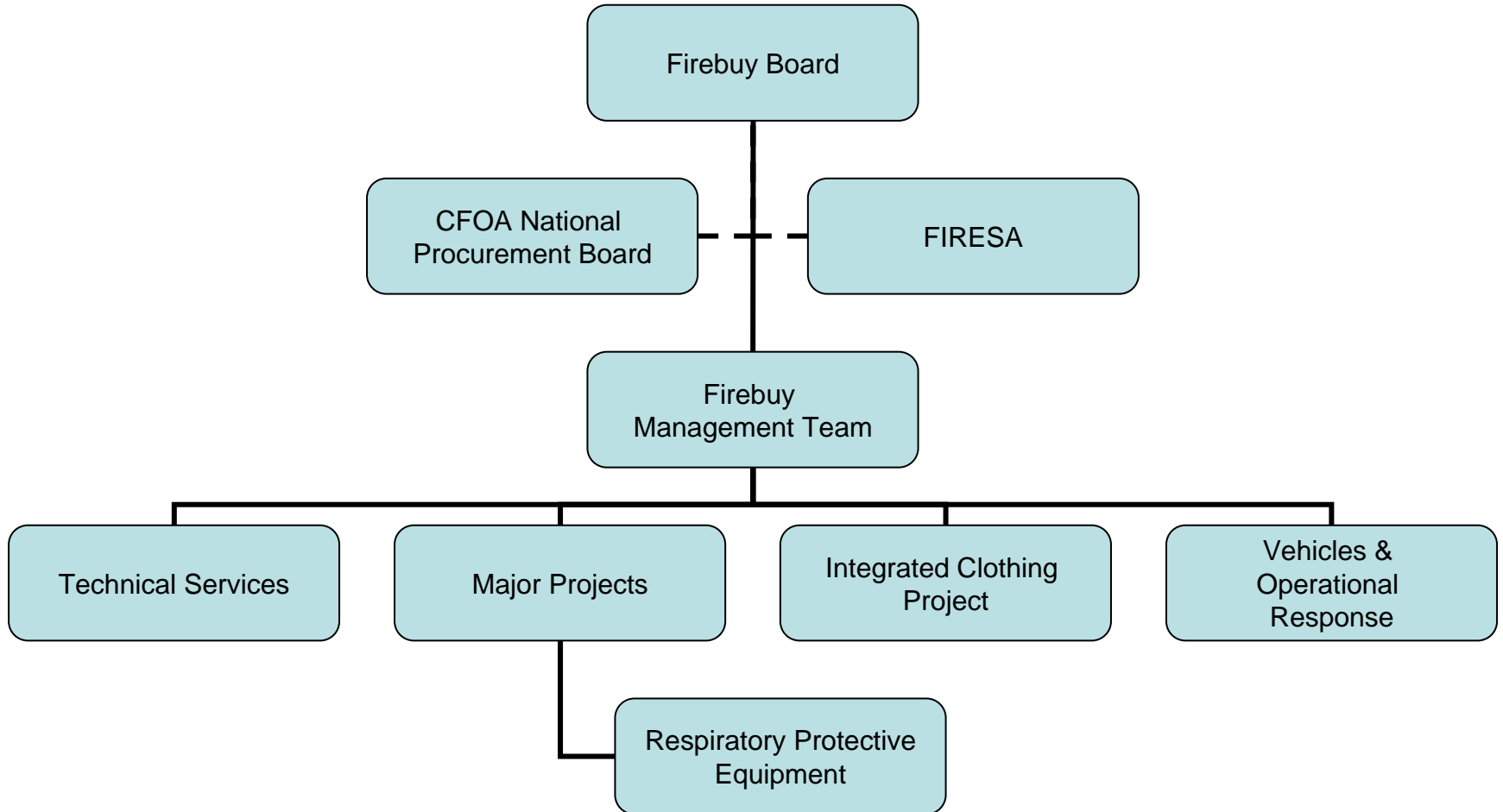
# Firebuy Board Composition



- *Chair* - Liz Barron
- *Directors:*
  - George Herbert (vice Chair)
  - Elizabeth Bennett
  - Martin Kitchen
  - Robert Light
  - David Rowe
  - Karen Dodds
- **Ex-officio Directors** –
  - CFOA – CFO Paul Fuller
  - LGA – Cllr Les Byrom
  - LFEPA – Anne Gallop



# Firebuy



# Funding



- 2005/06 – ODPM Grant to LFEPa
- 2006/07 – DCLG Grant to Firebuy
- 2007/08 – DCLG Grant to Firebuy
- 2008/09 and beyond
  - Funding formula to be agreed
  - Consultation by DCLG published
  - Responses due 6th February 2007

# National Procurement Key Workstreams



## **Integrated Clothing Project**

- Includes PPE and all clothing
- £200K+ spent by Firebuy on garment trials
- 4 compliant bids received October 2006
- Bid development days held with bidders 18/19 December
- Revised submissions due 29<sup>th</sup> January
- Reports / outcome of evaluation to go to ICP Board and Firebuy Board in March 2007
- Outcomes to Regions / FRAs April onwards

# National Procurement Key Workstreams



## **Vehicles Workstream: Pumping Appliances**

- Appliances framework agreement award approved by Firebuy Board 11 January 2007, 10 day standstill period to apply
- Contract to commence 1 April
- First known to encompass all three parts of BS:EN 1846 standards
- Products have been determined by user requirements

# National Procurement Key Workstreams



## **Vehicles Workstream: Pumping Appliances**

- Firm contractual agreements with key sub-contractors
- Market testing / benchmarking exercises by suppliers
- Independent whole vehicles type approval
- Increased warranties
- 24hr delivery on critical parts and services
- Increase in %of SMEs and recyclable products
- Average prices in line with expectations allowing for Euro 4 chassis prices

# National Procurement Key Workstreams



## Respiratory Protection Project

- Project manager in place
- Risk assessment / user requirements being worked up
- Includes respirators to BA sets, compressors and GTS
- Key issues:
  - inter-operability
  - equalities
- Contract to be in place by March 2008



# National Procurement Key Workstreams



## Technical Services

- Currently being established
- Will co-ordinate R&D projects across FRS
- Act as a single conduit for industry for 'good ideas'
- BS / EN standards work
- Would welcome discussion with SE Region on R&D co-ordination

# Projects delivered



- Bluelight Database
- Fireground Radios  
(9,000 @ £1.4m -  
£238K saved)
- Smoke Alarms  
(400,000 @ £2.4m-  
£120K saved)
- Manual Handling



# Major Projects in progress - 1



- Insurance / Alternative Risk Transfer
  - Set up a FRS Mutual
  - Potential savings of up to £2m pa for 14 FRAs
  - Aim to have mutual in place by July 2007
- BT / MOD Telecommunications PFI
  - Covers voice and data
  - Pilot with 4 Regions
  - Results showed average 25% savings (up to £500K across the country)
  - Launch to be held at BT Tower on 21 February

# Major Projects in progress - 2



- Framework Agreements
  - Process of transferring OGC frameworks
  - New Dimensions
  - MoD Fire
- DCLG Projects
  - Long term capability management
  - Contract management
- Fitness Equipment
  - Working with Firefit
  - Joint FRS / MoD Framework Agreement
  - Will be in place by April 2007

# Communications



- We can:
  - Attend RMB meetings
  - Attend Authority meetings
  - Provide advice & assistance at any time
- You can:
  - Contact the Chair or Chief Executive Officer
  - Contact your Firebuy Director for your Region
  - Contact your Firebuy Officer for your Region

# Summary



- Firebuy established from 1 April 2006
- Future funding to be determined
- Significant progress on national projects being made
- Firebuy will lift the burden from FRAs